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Dear Sir/Madam

Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan - Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report Consultation

I have pleasure in informing you of the availability of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Draft Scoping Report in respect of the Local Development Plan (LDP).

The SA Scoping Report has been prepared in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004 (the SEA regs) which transpose the SEA directives into Welsh law. The Local Planning Authority is therefore required to undertake a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the LDP cataloguing the opportunities and challenges facing Carmarthenshire and evaluating the means by which the LDP will address these issues. The SA Scoping Report is the first stage of an integrated SA/SEA process which will examine the LDP for its impact on environmental, social and economic matters within the County.

The Authority would welcome comments in respect of the SA Scoping Report, the sustainability issues identified therein and/or any other information that would assist the LPA in identifying the potential impacts of the LDP. The Authority would also welcome feedback on the appropriateness of the approach set out in the Scoping Report for the SA of the LDP. The SA scoping report will then be reviewed in the light of consultation responses received.

Copies of the Scoping Report are available from the Forward Planning Section or can be viewed on the Authority's website (www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk).

The report can also be inspected at the Council's Customer Service Centres and at Planning Offices in Carmarthen, Llanelli and Llandeilo.

Response forms may be downloaded from the website and are also available from the above locations or by contacting the Forward Planning Section directly.

Your views on the Scoping Report would be welcomed and should be conveyed to the Forward Planning Section - Forward Planning Section, Planning Services, Department of Regeneration and Leisure, 40 Spilman Street, Carmarthen SA31 1LQ, telephone 01267 228818 or e mail forward.planning@carmarthenshire.gov.uk or online at www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk by the closing date of 8 October 2008.

Yours faithfully

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